

Guatemala Tour

June 30 - July 10.2018



WHO? This will be an inter-generational travel experience with open options for parents and children, Youth and Adults. Please consult with us to see if this journey would be right for you or your family.

WHAT? Discover the Highlands of Guatemala, exploring this beautiful region of Latin America. You'll meet inspiring people and visit projects working to better Guatemalan Society. You'll learn about Mayan culture, traditions and spirituality, and visit some of the most beautiful areas of Guatemala. Be guided by and meet Guatemalans listening to their stories and struggles. You'll spend time learning about the history of the 36 year civil war and genocide and its effects on Guatemala today. Focus on a small project with the children at the school in Chwitziribal, a small Mayan village. Visit Chichicastenango's market, a volcanic hot-spring to relax, an environmental project on re-forestation, a fair trade coffee project, a weaving centre and historic Antigua, as well as other worthwhile projects and sites. Build community when travelling with a group of great people, visiting some of the most beautiful places in Guatemala. Post-trip, we can help you organize an optional trip unescorted to Tikal and the Mayan Biosphere. (at an additional cost and self guided).

WHERE? Travel by air to Guatemala City from Vancouver where we embark on our journey spending some days in Antigua and Guatemala City, around Lake Atitlan, Chichicastenango, Chwitziribal, Quezaltenango, and in Santa Lucia Utitlan.

HOW MUCH? Cost for the tour is \$1775 US Dollars for those 15 and up, and \$1575 for those under 15. This rate is all- inclusive in country costs, gst included. There is an addition surcharge of \$325 for single accommodation. GST Included. The registration fee includes: all organization of the program, resources to help you prepare for the journey (readings, suggested films etc), all in country travel costs including pickup and drop off at airport, 10 nights accommodation (shared), all in country meals during those 11 days, fully escorted tour by one Canadian guide and Guatemala guides, in country transportation with private van and driver, translation as required for all talks, tips, all programme expenses such as entrance fees, donations to all organizations we visit made on behalf of the group, and all administration of the tour. This does not include airfare or personal travel insurance, spending money, the cost of your passport, and any immunizations you may need.



**For more information and an application form please contact the trip coordinator Doris Kizinna, 604.341.2724
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LEADERSHIP: Julio Cochoy, Eduardo Elias and Doris Kizinna. Doris has been coordinating travel groups to Guatemala, Cuba and India for the past 20 years and is the founder of World Pilgrim. She is working on her Spanish and considers accompanying people on global education experiences a great privilege of her life. She has travelled extensively in Guatemala and knows the country well. Julio Cochoy is co-leading this tour and is Maya-Quiche from Santa Lucia Utitlan. He is a human rights activist and 10 years ago started a healing process for his community in gathering the historical record of the atrocities that happened there during the Genocide through the Maya Skills Project. Eduardo Elias is our wonderful translator and friend who will accompany part of the trip.



Guatemala: The Land of the Mayan People: June 30 - July 10/2018 All ages

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE...

Sat, June 30: ANTIGUA

Arrivals to Guatemala City, overnight Quinta de las Flores Hotel. <http://www.quintadelasflores.com/>

Sun, July 1: ANTIGUA

Breakfast and Orientation. Visit eco project.....close to Antigua. Lunch at Cerro de San Cristobal, viewpoint restaurant. Visit to the Market and walking tour of Antigua. Freetime Overnight at Quinta de las Flores.

Mon, July 2: ANTIGUA - PANAJACHEL:

Breakfast in Antigua. Drive from Antigua to Lake Atitlan and Panajachel. Stop in Solola for a visit with Tzotzil, a mayan dance and music group performance. Eduardo Elias, our translator joins us in Panajachel. Freetime to explore Panajachel. Overnight at the Utz Jay Hotel in Panajachel. www.hotelutzjay.com

Tues, July 3 PANAJACHEL: Breakfast at Hotel and visit the Mayan Families Project and the Senior's lunch and day care centre. Group will sponsor the lunch for the senior's. Visiting and share lunch with them. Optional Walk to Santa Catarina with spectacular lake views and boat ride back to Panajachel. Dinner together. www.mayanfamilies.org Overnight at Utz Jay.

Wed, July 4 SANTIAGO- SAN JUAN-PANAJACHEL: Breakfast at the Hotel and morning boat over the lake to Santiago Atitlan, visit to the church and hear the story of Father Stanley Rother. Beautiful art markets. After lunch boat over to San Juan la Laguna. Mayan Ceremony with Nan Maria, a mayan spiritual leader at her centre in San Juan, tour of natural dye weaving project and coffee project. Hike up to the small mountain behind San Juan, for a view of the lake. Boat back to Panajachel. Dinner together and overnight at Utz Jay.

Thurs, July 5: PANAJACHEL – SANTA LUCIA – QUEZALTENANGO/XELA: Breakfast at Hotel. Departure to visit Julio's village of Santa Lucia Utatlan, visit the school, and the Women of the Maya Skills Project, hike to the view of the lake, and lunch with Julio's family. Drive to Quezaltenango also known as Xela in the late afternoon. Dinner and Overnight in Xela. <http://www.hotel-posadacatedral.com/>

Fri, July 6 XELA: Breakfast at the Hotel, visit the school in Chwitziribal, to spend a day of joy with the children. Afternoon trip to Fuentes Georginas (Hot Springs). Dinner and Overnight at Hotel Posada Catedral.

Sat, July 7 XELA: Breakfast at the Hotel, visit Weaving Centre learning about weaving. Two options: 1. Drive to visit Zacualpa, and hear the history of the civil war in that community and how people were affected. Mayan Ceremony held in a room of remembrance for the civil war. 2. Freetime to explore Chichicastenango and visit an eco-project closeby. Overnight in Chichicastenango at Hotel Los Arcos. (no website)

Sun, July 8 XELA/CHICHICASTENANGO: Breakfast and morning at the Market. Lunch in chichi and afternoon departure to Antigua. Freetime in Antigua. Overnight in Antigua at Quinta de las Flores Hotel.

Mon, July 9 ANTIGUA: Morning at Transitions Foundation (wheelchair and prosthetics clinic) and hear the stories of hope. Freetime in Antigua and closing party in the evening! Overnight at Quinta de las Flores Hotel.

Tues, July 10: GUATEMALA CITY: departures